

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11, and 13-15 have been cancelled without prejudice. Pending claims 16 and 18-24 have been indicated by the Examiner as allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 16, and 18-24 at an early date is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-0365 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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